

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all

those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS: A sufficient blood supply is a public safety issue both locally and nationally, and

our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for our

residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS: One blood donation can help up to three patients, and although an estimated 38

percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10 percent

actually do; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is a home to a number of committed public service and private

organizations working to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross, the Dr. Daliah Show, and many

others; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need

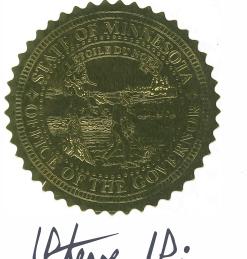
to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community

awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 8, 2017, as:

## MINNESOTA BLOOD DONATION DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this  $8^{th}$  day of September.

GOVERNOR